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ITEM 1

Staff Study on Publicity with Respect to Novel Weapons

Summary: The need for guidance has been demonstrated recently by the conflicts in approaches to this subject taken by officials, including those of the Atomic Energy Commission and the Department of Defense. This particular subject involves foreign information policy, domestic information policy, and the security on special type weapons of which the Department of Defense has principal cognizance. This PSB staff study recommends: that the Department of Defense member of the PSB organize a committee to consist of representation from the White House Staff, PSB, Department of State, CIA, and the AEC, as well as a member of the Federal Civil Defense Administration when appropriate; that this committee prepare as a matter of urgency a national information policy guidance for statements with respect to certain (special type) weapons; and that the Department of Defense member inform the Board when this action is completed.

Recommendation: (a) That you approve the recommendations as summarized above; and (b) That you designate [redacted] of your Staff as the CIA representative for this information guidance committee.

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